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PERSUASION

NN...
...UH...
8:00
EH...!? IT'S THAT TIME ALREADY?
A BLANKET...?

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...
OH, KIRIKA. GOOD MORN-ING.
...
!
HEY, THANKS FOR COVERING ME WITH THIS BLANKET.

I OIDN'T OO IT. REALLY.
R-REALLY...?
N... NO, IT WASN'T ME.
IT WAS PROBABLY... THE BUNNY.
...WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
I'M OFF. WHAT WILL YOU DO, KIRIKA?
GO BACK TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE?

IT MIGHT NOT GO WELL, SO I CAN'T SAY YET,
BUT I'LL BE BACK WHEN EVERYTHING'S READY, SO WAIT HERE.
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チャーン
TOKIKO-SAN.
議場

OH, MAKI-MURA-KUN.
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH ME?
TODAY IS THE FINAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO I'M BUSY.
ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO INFORM YOU OF SOME-THING...
TOKIKO-SAN, YOU DID SAY EARLIER THAT YOU WANTED TO BE MADE AWARE OF WHAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANNED TO DO AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
DO YOU... *NOT* WANT THAT INFOR-MATION?

CIRCUM-STANCES HAVE CHANGED.
...TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS TURN OF EVENTS?
YOU WERE SO RELUCTANT THE OTHER DAY.
ER . YES, UNDER-STOOD.
YOU CAN ALL GO IN AHEAD OF ME.
I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE OF THE TALK THAT THE BOARD WILL INTERFERE WITH THE BUDGET.
ASSEMBLY HALL
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS TAKING STEPS AGAINST THAT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLAYING AT,
BUT IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'LL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHAT KOTETSU INTENDS TO DO, THEN I WILL LISTEN.
...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A DECENT GUY, DESPITE BEING A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUT—
THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT KOTETSU ANTICIPATED
...AND THOSE ARE MORE OR LESS THE DETAILS OF OUR PLAN
NO WAY... YOU'RE NOT SAYING YOU EXPECT THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE OF SUCH A RIDICULOUS IDEA, ARE YOU?
IT DOESN'T EVEN INVOLVE THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY IN THE SLIGHTEST.
THAT ISN'T THE CASE.
WE WANT THE *ENTIRE STUDENT COUNCIL* TO DO SOMETHING.
...?
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...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ON THE DAY IN QUESTION, WE'D LIKE YOU TO INTERCEPT THEM AND TELL THEM "YOU CAN'T ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY".
AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW, THE PRINCIPAL, THE VICE PRINCIPAL, AND THE REST OF THE OFFICERS INTEND TO FREEZE THE BUDGET AND DECLARE A REVOCATION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY.
Teachers
REQUIRE ADVANCE NOTICE.
Central Assembly
WHA...
YOU...!
Y-YOU EXPECT ME TO TAKE PART IN THIS CHARADE?!
YES PLEASE.
I AM KOTETSU'S ENEMY!
DESPITE KNOWING THAT, YOU'RE STILL SPOUTING THIS RUBBISH?

...IF THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS CRUSHED HERE,
THE NEXT ELECTION MIGHT NEVER HAPPEN.
I UNDER-STAND THAT, BUT EVEN SO..
THAT'S... THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
THEY'RE NOT JUST COMING DOWN ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUT THE ENTIRE STUDENT COUNCIL, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU PLAN ON BECOMING THE NEXT PRESIDENT,
KICKING KOTETSU TENNOUJI TO THE CURB IN THE PROCESS?

...OKAY, I GET IT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'LL DO IT.
I'LL DO MY PART!
IKUNO-SAN.
...YOU CAN COME OUT NOW,

...ALSO, HIKAGE-KUN...
REGARDING WHAT YA JUST TALKED ABOUT.
NYA HAHA~ AWW, YOU FOUND ME...
AS EXPECTED OF HIKAGE-KUN.
ARE YA FEELING OKAY?
BET'CHA GOT A BIG FEVER, HUH?
NO NEED TO WORRY. I AM QUITE HEALTHY.
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?
WE'RE ALL GONNA HAVE TA DRESS UP IN COSTUMES FOR DA ASSEMBLY, RIGHT?

WE WISH TO PRESENT THIS BUDGET TO AUDITING.
THIS IS THE FIRST BUDGET DRAFT, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY. YOU DID SAY YOU WANTED TO SEE IT, DIDN'T YOU?
SO YOU HEARD THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION, RIGHT? THAT'S PERFECT.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO PASS ON TO YOU TOO.
NYAHAHA~ THIS ISN'T GONNA KEEP YOUR ONEE-SAN'S MOUTH SHUT.
OR ARE YA HINTING AT WHERE YA WANT ME TA DIG?
IT'S NOT TO HOLD UP YOUR DIGGING. I'M SERIOUS.
THERE'S NO HIDDEN MOTIVE BEHIND THIS. RATHER...

IT'S TO PROTECT THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
SO YER SAYING THERE'S NOT ONE THING YER HOLDING BACK?
UMM...
EH?
ISN'T THERE ONE THING YA LEFT OUT OF THIS LITTLE EXCHANGE?
YA SAY IT'S TO PROTECT THE STUDENT COUNCIL...

...EH?
GIMME A STRAIGHT ANSWER.
WELL, I GUESS YOU COULD LOOK AT IT THAT WAY. .
YER PROTECTING HER, RIGHT?
BUT AREN'T YA DOING IT TO PROTECT KIRI-CHAN?
...YES.

OKAY, FINE. I'LL DO IT.
JUST CUZ YER SUCH AN HONEST YOUNG MAN.
OH, THANK YOU VERY M--
HOW-EVER, IN EX-CHANGE ....!
NEXT TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN HIKAGE-KUN'S ROOM. ♪
WHA AA?!
YA LEFT OUT THE PART ABOUT HAVING KIRI-CHAN STAY OVER, SO IT'LL BE FINE IF I STAY OVER NEXT, RIGHT?
AND IN BED WE CAN PICK UP FROM THE OTHER DAY, CAREFULLY, THOROUGHLY, AND "SLEEPILY" PERSUADING YOU TO MY SIDE.
A-ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU'LL WORK WITH US!!

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S LUCK OR SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY,
BUT SOMEHOW I'VE MANAGED TO DEAL WITH THESE TWO PEOPLE SO FAR.
HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL ONE ISSUE REMAINING.
IF THIS FALLS THROUGH, THEN EVERYTHING WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING
HERE IT COMES...!!
CALLING
Sakiko Yanahara
...!
YES, THIS IS MAKIMURA.
...MAKIMURA-SAMA, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LATE RESPONSE
ABOUT YESTERDAY...

I WILL DO AS WE DISCUSSED.
PLEASE LEAVE THE REST OF THE OPERATION REGARDING PRESIDENT HIJIRIBASHI TO ME.
...HOW-EVER, MAKIMURA-SAMA...
...REALLY?!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
IT'S FINE. IT'S TOO LATE TO BACK OUT NOW.
BE CAREFUL. THIS IS A DANGEROUS GAMBLE.
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?

I EXPRESSED TO YOU BEFORE THAT YOU HAVE THE GIFT NEEDED TO BE A SECRETARY, BUT THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD WISHED FOR.
I AM ENVIOUS
...HUH?
You're envious?
I SEE... THAT'S TOO BAD.
...EH?
A SECRETARY HAS NO USE FOR "COURAGE".
I AM ENVIOUS THAT YOU WOULD GO SO FAR FOR THE SAKE OF THE YOUNG LADY.
...I SURVIVED!!

IT部
ALL I CAN DO NOW IS WAIT AND HOPE THAT HAPPENS IN TIME.
FROM HERE ON, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT I PERSONALLY CAN DO.
IT 部室
EVERYONE IN THE IT CLUB HAS BEEN WORKING HARD SINCE LAST NIGHT.
THE STATE OF PROGRESS ON THE PLAN...
DO YOU KNOW HOW THEY'RE DOING?
I'm proud of my creation.
THEY'VE BUILT UP A LOT OF FATIGUE, SO I BROUGHT THEM A PRESENT.
JUST A BIT MORE! EVERYONE, PULL TOGETHER! LET'S KICK SOME BUTT!
HER OWN SWIMSUIT ALBUM...? YEAH, SHE WOULD GO THAT FAR...
HIKAGE-SAN!

WE'VE GOT ANOTHER BUG!?
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
HIKAGE-SAN, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
Y-YOU FINISHED IT...?!
S...
Sorry to keep you waiting.
WE... WE...
WE FINISHED IN TIME... RIGHT?

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WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?
SORRY. IT TOOK TIME TO PRE-PARE
HERE, KIRIKA...
...O-OH, GOOD. YOU'RE AWAKE, KIRIKA.
...?

THIS IS... A STOCK-TRADING GAME?
...WHAT?
I CALLED SAKIKO-SAN AND HAD HER EXPLAIN IT TO YOUR FATHER.
IT *IS* A GAME
BETWEEN KIRIKA AND HER FATHER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
YOUR FATHER SIMPLY WILL NOT LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.
HE WON'T RECOGNIZE A KID WHO CAN'T MAKE MONEY ON HER OWN AS BEING HUMAN... ISN'T THAT THE KIND OF PERSON HE IS?
THAT'S... TRUE. SO WHAT?
SO.... MAKE HIM RECOG-NIZE YOU!
YOUR FATHER IS MONITORING THIS MOBILE ACCOUNT.
THE MARKET OPENS SOON. IF, BY THE CLOSE OF TRADING MONDAY, YOU CAN MORE THAN TRIPLE YOUR FUNDS IN-GAME, THEN YOU WIN.
IF HE ACCEPTS YOU AS YOUR OWN PERSON, HE'LL ACCEPT THAT YOU ATTEND HAKUJUDAI... THAT'S WHAT HAS BEEN ARRANGED.
—DADDY AGREED TO SUCH A RIDICULOUS CONDITION?

YUP. SAKIKO-SAN MANAGED IT SOMEHOW.
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. IT'S LIKE THE GAMES YOU USUALLY PLAY, RIGHT?
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE DONE BY BREAK-FAST.
...AND THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY ROLE FOR THE "DETECTIVE" IN THIS SITUATION, BUT...

KIRIKA, AREN'T YOU THE
"TREA-SURER"?
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Yer trying to tame Kirika like a pet, right?!
No.

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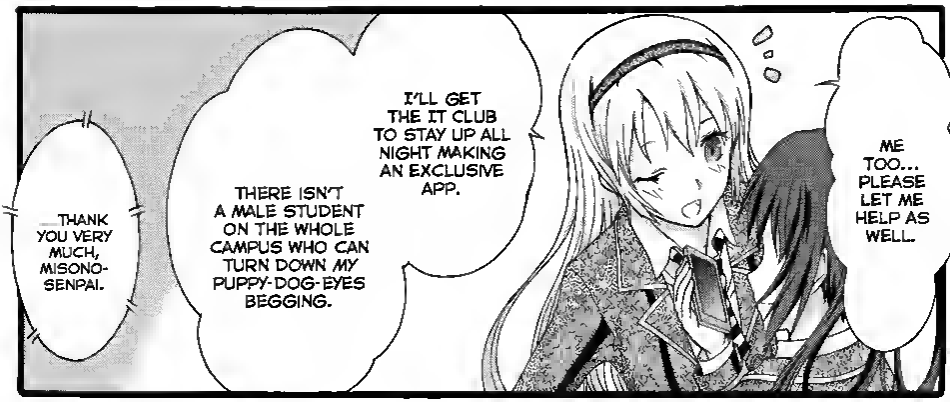
TRADE ACTUAL MONEY IN A STOCK-TRADING GAME?!
B-BUT WE'RE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS...
IF I ASK KIRIKA'S FATHER'S SECRETARY, YANAHARA-SAN, SHE MAY BE ABLE TO MANAGE IT.
...THAT'S RIGHT.
I'LL HAVE A REAL STOCK-TRADING APP MADE TO LOOK LIKE A GAME, AND THEN GET KIRIKA TO USE IT.

I WILL SHOULDER ALL OF THE RESPONSI-BILITY.
BUT FIRST... IN ORDER TO DO THAT, THERE IS SOMETHING WE MUST HAVE,
AND IT'S SOMETHING I CAN ONLY REQUEST OF THE PRESI-DENT...
YEAH, I THOUGHT YOU'D COME TO ME FOR THAT.
SUCCEED IN YOUR PLAN, NO MATTER WHAT---

IT WILL REQUIRE A VAST SUM OF MONEY.
MILLIONS, IN FACT.
IF WE MERE STUDENTS CAN PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER...
THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY.
I WILL MAKE A WAGER BASED ON MY OWN SELF-CONFIDENCE...
THAT *THOSE PEOPLE* WILL SIGN ON WITH THIS FOOLISH PLAN.


ME TOO... PLEASE LET ME HELP AS WELL.
I'LL GET THE IT CLUB TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT MAKING AN EXCLUSIVE APP.
THERE ISN'T A MALE STUDENT ON THE WHOLE CAMPUS WHO CAN TURN DOWN MY PUPPY-DOG-EYES BEGGING.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISONO-SENPAI.

AS WELL AS THE WHOLE "STUDENT COUNCIL".

FILE. 13
BIG GAME

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BIG GAME

THEY ALWAYS PLAY IT TO KICK OFF BIG CAMPUS EVENTS---
OH, RIGHT. IT'S THE HAKUJUDAI SCHOOL SONG, ARRANGED FOR A BRASS BAND.
...WHAT'S THIS...?
...HUH? KICK OFF CAMPUS EVENTS...?
D-DAMN! I FELL ASLEEP HERE, DESPITE ALL OF THAT GOING ON...
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?!
.....AH!

IT'S THIS LATE ALREADY...?! ISN'T IT TIME FOR THE ASSEMBLY TO BEGIN?
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NO, IT'S OKAY EVEN IF I DON'T GET TO THE ASSEMBLY
RIGHT ABOUT NOW, MISONO-SENPAI AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE HANDLING THINGS FOR ME

RIGHT NOW, MY ONLY ROLE IS... TO WATCH OVER KIRIKA
ギク!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S ALL BEEN POSITIONED WITH THE MAXIMUM LEVERAGE POSSIBLE.
THIS SOFTWARE USES AN EASY TO UNDER-STAND DISPLAY.
……!
IN OTHER WORDS... ERM... BORROWING FROM THE BANK WITH MORE MONEY THAN IS ALREADY ON HAND
SO SHE'S INVESTED ALL OF IT IN STOCK SHARES?
THAT'S QUITE A DEBT THERE.. WILL SHE BE OKAY?
THE CURRENCIES ARE NEGA-TIVE...?!!
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TRIPLING IT IN ONE DAY--- IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY TO THINK OF IT AS A GAME,
BUT IT REQUIRES A LONG STREAK OF SUCCESSIVE HIGH-RISK WINS, SO BE QUIET.
I'VE FIGURED OUT THE DISPLAY
A MARKET CAP OF 92% MEANS
OH, SORRY!
EH? THE PHONE?
YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME. QUIT LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER.
IS THAT ALRIGHT? SHOULD SHE SELL IT RIGHT NOW?
THAT SHOULD MEAN THAT THE PRICE HAS DROPPED ABOUT 10% SINCE IT WAS PURCHASED.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF SHE MOVED TO ANOTHER STOCK TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE?!
CALLING >>>
Sakiko Yanahara
SAKIKO-SAN? WHY WOULD SHE—

THE PRESIDENT HAS BECOME AWARE OF YOUR ACTIONS.
HE SAYS HE IS ABOUT TO RE-EXAMINE THE STOCK-TRADING COMPANY.
EH...? THAT WOULD MEAN...
PLEASE RETURN THE MONEY YOU WERE FRONTED WITHOUT DELAY.
IF YOU DON'T, HE'LL SUSPEND THE STOCK TRADES.
R... RIGHT THIS INSTANT?!
YES... I APOLO-GIZE FOR MY INSUFFI-CIENCY.
.....

I'M GOING TO THE ASSEMBLY.
EH ...?
KIRIKA, KEEP TRADING STOCKS!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IF THE STOCK TRADING IS CUT OFF RIGHT NOW, THIS WHOLE THING WILL BE A FAILURE.
I'VE GOTTA PUT THE MONEY BACK!! WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT... WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE ASSEMBLY?!

...I TOLD YOU TO WAIT.
---I CAN HEAR THEIR VOICES FROM HERE.
THE PRESIDENT MUST BE MAKING AN ADDRESS.
I'VE SUBMITTED SELL ORDERS WITH LIMIT PRICES. NOW ALL I CAN DO IS WAIT!
YOU HAVE TO WATCH OVER THE TRADING, DON'T YOU?!
WHICH ME, NS... SHE'S MADE AN ADVANCE ORDER TO SELL SHARES WHEN THE STOCK PRICE GETS HIGH ENOUGH?
MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
WHA... KIRIKA?
WHY ARE YOU COMING TOO?!

...MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY! YOU MAY BE IN DESPAIR!
YOU MAY FEEL THAT THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS POWERLESS TO FIGHT THE OPPRESSION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE FACULTY, AND YOU MAY WISH TO JUST GIVE UP.
HEY, C'MON!
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON? THAT WAS SAKIKO WHO CALLED EARLIER, WASN'T IT?
.....
...BUT NOT ME!!
SO REJOICE, FOR THAT TIME IS NOW!!
THIS IS A PRELUDE TO AN EVEN BIGGER VICTORY.
JUST BEFORE YOU LEAP, DON'T YOU CROUCH DOWN WITH YOUR HEAD LOWERED?
WHAT IS KOTETSU TALKING ABOUT, HIKAGE?
WHAT...?

C'MON, HIKAGE!!
IT'S NOT A GAME.
WHAT YOU DID... IT WAS MADE TO LOOK LIKE A GAME.
IT'S AN AUTHENTIC STOCK-TRADING APP.
...IT'S NOT...
...EH?

...WH-
WHY...?
HOW DID YOU DO THAT...?
H... HOW?
AND WHAT ABOUT THE STARTING FUNDS---- 800 MILLION YEN...?

ALL OF YOU, THE 8000+ MEMBERS OF THE HAKUJUDAI STUDENT BODY!
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IS MY PRIDE AND HONOR!

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU ALL TO PUT YOUR TRUST IN US AND ENTRUST THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONLY "ONE ITEM".
I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.
THAT MIRACULOUS INCREASE IS THE TRUE NATURE OF POWER!!
THAT POWER ISN'T "800 TIMES", BUT RATHER "TO THE 800TH POWER"!!
WHEN THE POWER OF EACH ONE OF YOU IS GATHERED TOGETHER, BIT BY BIT, AND PUT UNDER ONE TITLE,

I WANT YOU TO ENTRUST THE ENTIRE "800 MILLION YEN" BUDGET TO THE HAKUJUDAI ACADEMY STUDENT COUNCIL GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TREASURER!
ACCORDING TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL CHARTER, SECTION TWO, AMENDED PARAGRAPH THREE, YOU CAN MAKE THIS CHANGE BY STANDING AND GIVING APPLAUSE!!!
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HAKUJUDA ADEMY
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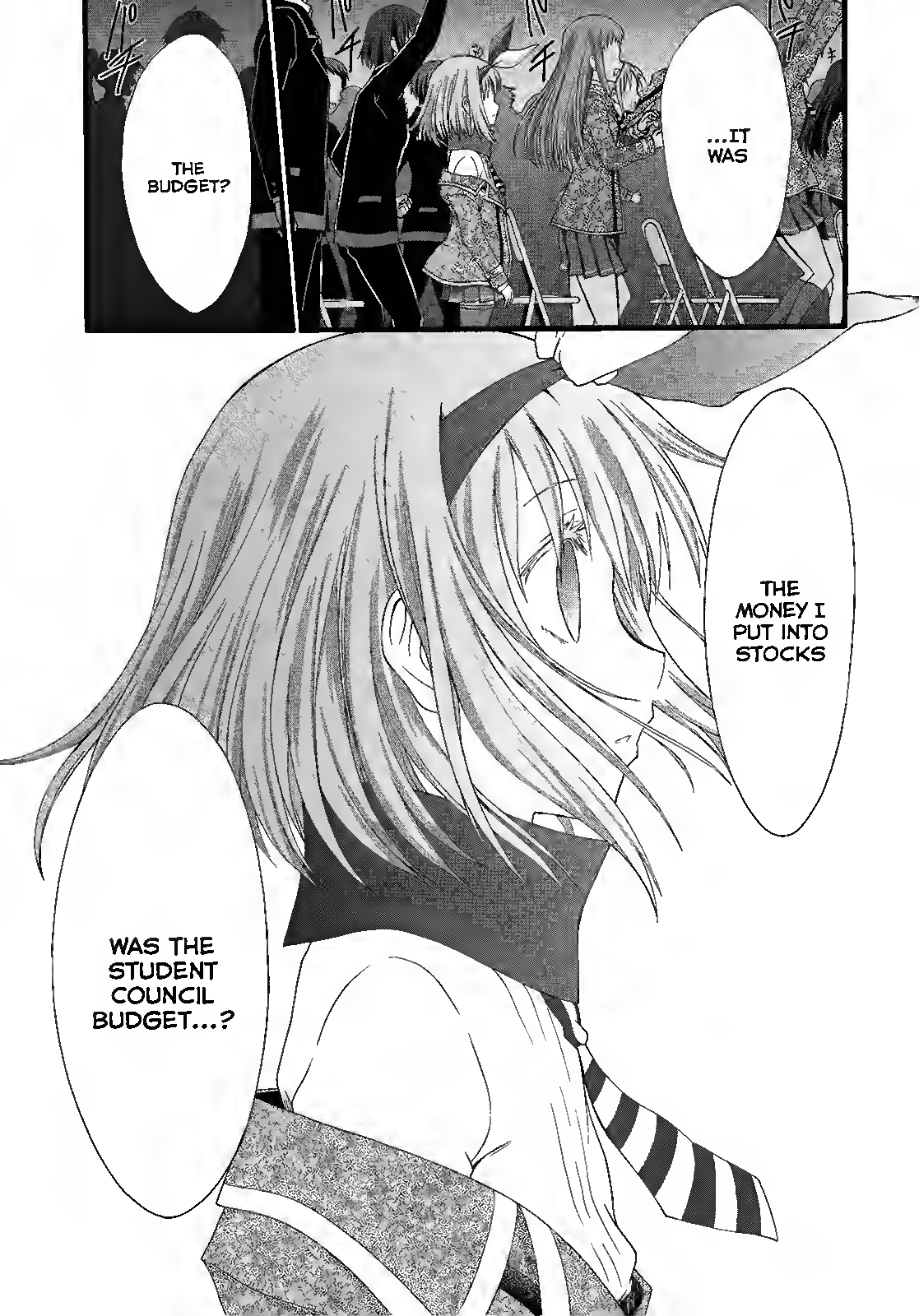
...IT WAS
THE BUDGET?
THE MONEY I PUT INTO STOCKS
WAS THE STUDENT COUNCIL BUDGET...?

GOOD--- NOW WE CAN USE THE STUDENT COUNCIL BUDGET FUNDS!!!
YES. WHAT I ASKED SAKIKO-SAN TO DO WASN'T TO MAKE THE PLAYS HERSELF, BUT TO PREPARE THE STOCK-TRADING ACCOUNT SO THAT KIRIKA COULD MOVE THE MONEY.
IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DO THAT ON A DAY OFF, USING A BROKERAGE COMPANY MANAGED BY THE HIJIRIBASHI GROUP AS AN INTERMEDIARY.
THE SOLE MISCALCULATION WAS THE 800 MILLION YEN NEEDED AS A DEPOSIT.
IT WAS IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ACCOUNT. HOWEVER, USING IT IN A MANNER OTHER THAN WHAT WAS SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED WAS IMPROPER. AND MR. SHOUGO FOUND OUT ABOUT IT.
I CAN HEAR YOU. YOU SOUND QUITE AGITATED.
YOU KNOW, LEAVING ME OUT OF THE LOOP, HERE AT THE BANK, HAS ME FEELING REALLY LONELY.
MAKE IT IN TIME!!
IKUNO-SAN!
...IKUNO-SAN?

IT'S ONLY JUST BEEN APPROVED.
PLEASE DEPOSIT THE MONEY RIGHT AWAY!!
IT'S DONE NOW.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO...
WHAT'S LEFT IS...
KIRIKA, THE SHARES.
...?!

YOU FULFILLED... THE CONTRACT.
HAHAHA... YOU DID IT.
HA...
HAHA...
---WHOOP-SIE!

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT!
MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY!!!

THE NET GAIN IS----- 3.661 BILLION YEN.
THIS DOESN'T BELONG TO ANY ONE PERSON. THIS IS OUR MONEY!
THE STUDENT COUNCIL BUDGET FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, UNTIL KIRIKA HIJIRIBASHI GRADUATES, IS ASSURED.

THE 20XXTH HAKUJUDAI ACADEM
STUDENT GENERAL ASSE
IT'S A VICTORY
FOR ALL OF US!!!

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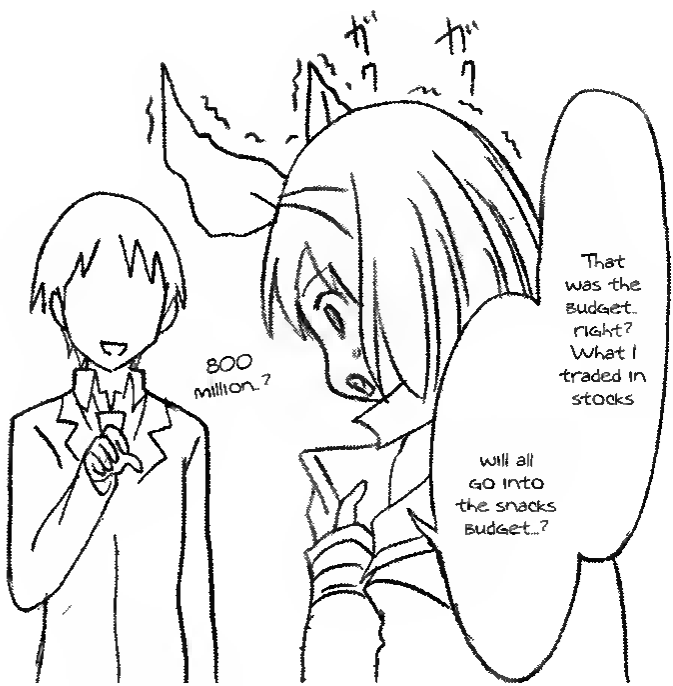
That was the budget, right? What I traded in stocks
will all go into the snacks budget...?
800 million...?

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THE NET GAIN IS----- 3,661,000,000 YEN.
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IT'S A VICTORY FOR ALL OF US!!!

FILE 14
HIKAGE

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HIKAGE

...HOH. EVERYONE, BE QUIET FOR A MOMENT.
IT WOULD SEEM
OUR SPECIAL GUESTS HAVE ARRIVED.
KIRIKA...
YOU REALLY ARE AN AMAZING PERSON!!

SO THEN, EVERYONE, INSTEAD OF TAKING A BREAK, WHY DON'T WE HEAR A WONDERFUL SPEECH FROM OUR ACADEMY HEADMASTER?
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...THANK GOODNESS.
NOW, WITH FIRM FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN OUR GRASP, WHAT INTERESTING SPEECH MAY WE HOPE TO HEAR?
TOKIKO-SAN DID WELL IN HOLDING THEM BACK.
...AND THEN WE FINISH THIS!!

WITH THIS... YOU'LL BE JUST FINE.
KIRIKA...
IT'S WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN EAGERLY ANTICIPATING.
WE'LL PUT THE SUPPLE-MENTARY BUDGET IN PLACE!!

YOU DIDN'T THINK IT THROUGH AT AAAAAALL, DID YOU?!
AND...
NOW THAT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SETTLED WITHOUT INCIDENT, EVERYONE CAN SMILE AT THE HAPPY ENDING--

HIKAGE-KUN.
YOU DIDN'T THINK ABOUT TAXES AND STUFF LIKE THAT, DID YOU?
IF THERE ARE PROFITS, THE TAX OFFICE WILL BE ALL OVER YOU.
AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A HUGE SUM OF MONEY HERE.
SURE, THEY READILY ACCEPTED A DEPOSIT OF 800 MILLION YEN FROM ME,
BUT I AM JUST A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
THE MEN AT THE BANK SHOWERED ME WITH QUESTIONS
AND SO ON...
AH... ERM...
WELL, WE CALLED THAT SECRETARY, AND SHE FAST-TALKED IT PAST THEM,
BUT IT WON'T STAND UP TO A DEEPER INQUIRY.
...SORRY.

HOW ABOUT YOU PAY ME BACK WITH YOUR BODY, HM?
HUH? ERM... BY "BODY", YOU MEAN...
...WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
IT FEELS GOOD TO HAVE THE ASSISTANT ADMIN OWE ME.
IT'S FINE FOR ME TO COME AND STAY WITH YOU, BUT...
HOW ABOUT YOU COME TO MY ROOM AND PERFORM ALL KINDS OF "SERVICES" ...?
IKUNO-SAN!

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AH.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, HAVING THE SECRETARY OWE YOU DOES NOT MEAN HIKAGE-SAN OWES YOU PERSONALLY
MISONO SENPAI...
PLEASE CUT THAT OUT.
YOU'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MY HIKAGE-SAN'S WEAK SPOT!
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, I CAN'T DISAGREE.
WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS? HIKAGE-KUN AND MISO-CHAN CAN EACH PAY HALF...
EEEH...? NO, WE CAN'T... DO HALF LIKE THAT...
クチャ
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?!
...GEEZ, C'MON
M... ME...? UH, BUT... WELL, IF IT'S TO PROTECT HIKAGE-SAN'S CHASTITY...
RIGHT. AND SINCE I'M A GIRL TOO, MISO-CHAN'S CHASTITY WILL ALSO REMAIN UNTOUCHED...
OH, SO MISO-CHAN WILL BEAR IT ALL BY HERSELF?

IKUNO, AS THE AUDITING LEADER, YOU MUST MAINTAIN A BIT MORE SELF-AWARENESS.
IF YOU CONTINUE TO ACT IN SUCH A SHAMELESS MANNER, YOU WILL BE SUSPECTED OF COLLUDING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WON'T YOU?
PRE-SIDENT.
TOKIKO-SAN.
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
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DON'T SAY "COLLUDING"... MMM. MORE LIKE I'M STICKING TO THEM LIKE GLUE?
IT FEELS GOOD TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE PLAY THE STRAIGHT MAN FOR A CHANGE..
LISTEN TO ME!
WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW TOKI-CHAN WAS SUCH GOOD FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE....

I SWEAR! BECAUSE OF YOU, THE BUDGET CHECK HAS ALSO GONE TO HELL.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ON THE SAME SCALE AS THE MAIN BUDGET.
AFTER ALL, IT TAKES TIME IF YOU DON'T USE THE EXISTING BUDGET PAGES
B-BUT THERE WASN'T A PROBLEM, WAS THERE?
IT'S STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF BEING CHECKED,
AND WE DON'T YET KNOW IF THE FACULTY WILL ALL GO NUTS OR NOT.
WELL, QUE SERA SERA! YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, TOKIKO.
And you're too irresponsible, Kotetsu!!
THE 3.6 BILLION IS BEING TREATED AS A DONATION FROM KIRIKA, TO BE USED ONLY AS THE STUDENT COUNCIL DIRECTS.
That's easy for you to say! And before anything else----

*TN: "DONATIONS" ARE OFTEN USED AS AN UNDER THE TABLE WAY OF TRANSFERRING MONEY WITHOUT PAYING TAXES. ASK ANY POLITICIAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

...Kirika has been missing since the General Assembly.

OH, YES. IT SEEMS KIRIKA-SAN HAS RETURNED TO HER HOME FOR THE TIME BEING.
EH...? THEN... SHE'S AT HOME RIGHT NOW? WITH THAT FATHER OF HERS...?
HER FATHER HAS FLOWN TO AMERICA ONCE AGAIN FOR WORK
SHE DID NOT PROVIDE ME WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON KIRIKA-SAN, SINCE THAT IS PERSONAL.
...I SEE.
...WELL, THAT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
IF KIRIKA CHOSE TO LEAVE OF HER OWN FREE WILL,
THEN I DON'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
TO START WITH, I DON'T HAVE AN ENEMY TO FIGHT,
AND SHE HAS NO FRIENDS TO MAKE THINGS HARD ON HER, RIGHT?
...I...

I AM MAKING IT HARD ON HER----
CALL
Sakiko Yana
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WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT... I JUST CAN'T MUSTER UP THE WILLPOWER
TO REMIND HER OF SUCH AN AWFUL THING.
IF I JUST SIT STILL AND SHUT UP,
THEN AT THE VERY LEAST I WON'T MAKE MATTERS WORSE.
WAS IT REALLY SO TERRIBLE?

EVEN THOUGH I DRAGGED KIRIKA INTO MY STUPID PLAN TO KEEP HER FROM LEAVING... TO KEEP HER HERE...
THAT IS... WRONG.
EVEN THOUGH A LOT OF PEOPLE CLEANED UP AFTER ME SO WE COULD FINALLY RETURN TO OUR DAILY LIVES...
AS TIME PASSES,
I'M FEELING KIRIKA'S DISAPPEARANCE MORE STRONGLY.
I WANT TO BE IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL WITH HER... EVEN IF WE'RE JUST RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES...
TOGETHER...?
WHY DID YOU DISAPPEAR, KIRIKA?

I'VE HAD HER SAVE ME,
I SPENT MONEY,
I HELPED HER WITH HER DETECTIVE WORK,
AND THEN I SELFISHLY TRIED TO SAVE HER ALL ON MY OWN---
THINKING BACK, WE RARELY EVEN TRADED WORDS.
AFTER ALL, IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE WE MET.
WHY DO I FEEL THAT WAY IN THE FIRST PLACE?
...IF I REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, THAT WAS PRETTY HORRIBLE OF ME.
IN ORDER TO MAKE HER MUSTER ENOUGH COURAGE TO TAKE SUCH A RISK.. I LIED AND SAID IT WAS A GAME.
AT THE VERY LEAST, IF I HAD THE CHANCE TO TALK TO KIRIKA AGAIN,
I'D TAKE MY SCOLDING LIKE A MAN AND APOLOGIZE... AND THEN---
I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.
BUT THAT CRUSHED LOOK IN HER EYES AT THAT MOMENT...
I FIGURED THAT IF I UNDERSTOOD THE REASONING, THEN KIRIKA WOULD PROBABLY UNDERSTAND TOO.

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NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE IN THE VERY FIRST PLACE, SHE NEVER GAVE ME HER NUMBER
IS IT KIRIKA...?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, SIS?
HMMM? WHAT'S WRONG? AREN'T YOU HAPPY THAT YOUR SISTER CALLED YOU?
...HARDLY.
HELLOOO? HEY THERE! HOW'S MY LITTLE BROTHER DOING, HMM?
THE OWNER OF THE SCHOOL CAME TO SEE ME AGAIN TODAY.
APPARENTLY YOU PULLED OFF SOMETHING AMAZING OVER THERE, DIDN'T YOU?
MR. SHOUGO HIJIRIBASHI ?
DIDN'T HE GO TO THE U.S.?

"WHO THE HELL IS YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER ---?!"
AND SO, ONCE AGAIN, HE PROBED ME FOR EVERY LITTLE DETAIL ABOUT YOU...
"WHAT KIND OF PERSONAL HISTORY DOES HE HAVE...? WHAT KIND OF MAN COULD PULL OFF SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE STUNT?!"
...IS THAT RIGHT?
THEN HE SAID: "AND THEN HE HAD THE NERVE TO SEDUCE MY OWN SECRETARY... UNBELIEVABLE!" WOW, HIKAGE. YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING.
I DIDN'T SEDUCE ANYBODY!!
AND THEN THE REPLY I GAVE HIM WAS:
"OF COURSE. HE IS MY BROTHER, AFTER ALL.
HE'LL SEDUCE YOUR DAUGHTER TOO."
WOULD YOU STOP THAT?! IT'S LIKE POURING GAS ON A FIRE!!
...BUT... I'M GLAD.
....?

THE PROBLEM ISN'T HOW SERIOUS I AM.
I MEAN, IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT, YOU COULD BE A SCIENTIST, AN ACTRESS, OR EVEN A DIPLOMAT... BUT YOU ARE NOT ME.
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND.
I'M GLAD YOU FINALLY DISCOVERED HOW TO GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.
...ABOUT WHAT?
HOWEVER, YOU ARE MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
NOW LISTEN HERE...!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT I WAS CALLED ALL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL?
I MEAN, YOU'RE NATURALLY WONDERFUL, SINCE YOU'RE MY LITTLE BROTHER,
BUT BEFORE THEN YOU HAD NEVER ONCE REALLY PUT YOUR ALL INTO SOMETHING BEFORE, HAD YOU?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR FATHER AND MOTHER WERE THINKING BY GIVING ME THAT NAME, BUT IT CAN BE READ AS "SOCIAL OUTCAST", AND I LIVED UP TO IT...
HIKAGE, DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO WRITE YOUR OWN NAME.
ISN'T THAT GOING A LITTLE FAR..?
IT'S THE "HI" IN HISAMA AND THE "KAGE" IN KAGE-BOUSHI..
I THINK IT'S A GREAT NAME.
BUT IT'S WASTED ON YOU.
THE CHARACTER FOR "SHADOW" ALSO HAS ANOTHER MEANING.
IT'S A FORM OF "LIGHT".

HAHA... SIGH...
WHEN THE "SUN'S SHADOW" SHINES, IT CREATES "SUNSHINE".
JAPANESE IS SUCH AN INTERESTING LANGUAGE, HUH?
"HIKAGE - SUN'S SHADOW" IS THE LIGHT FROM THE SUN.
...HUH ...?
...HEEEY, HIKAGE. ARE YOU LISTENING?
I DIDN'T REMEMBER MOST OF THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH MY SISTER AFTER THAT.

THERE'S A KNOCK.
WHO IS KNOCKING AT MY HEART?
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE DOORKNOB IS---
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HUH...!?
OKAY, WHOEVER YOU ARE...
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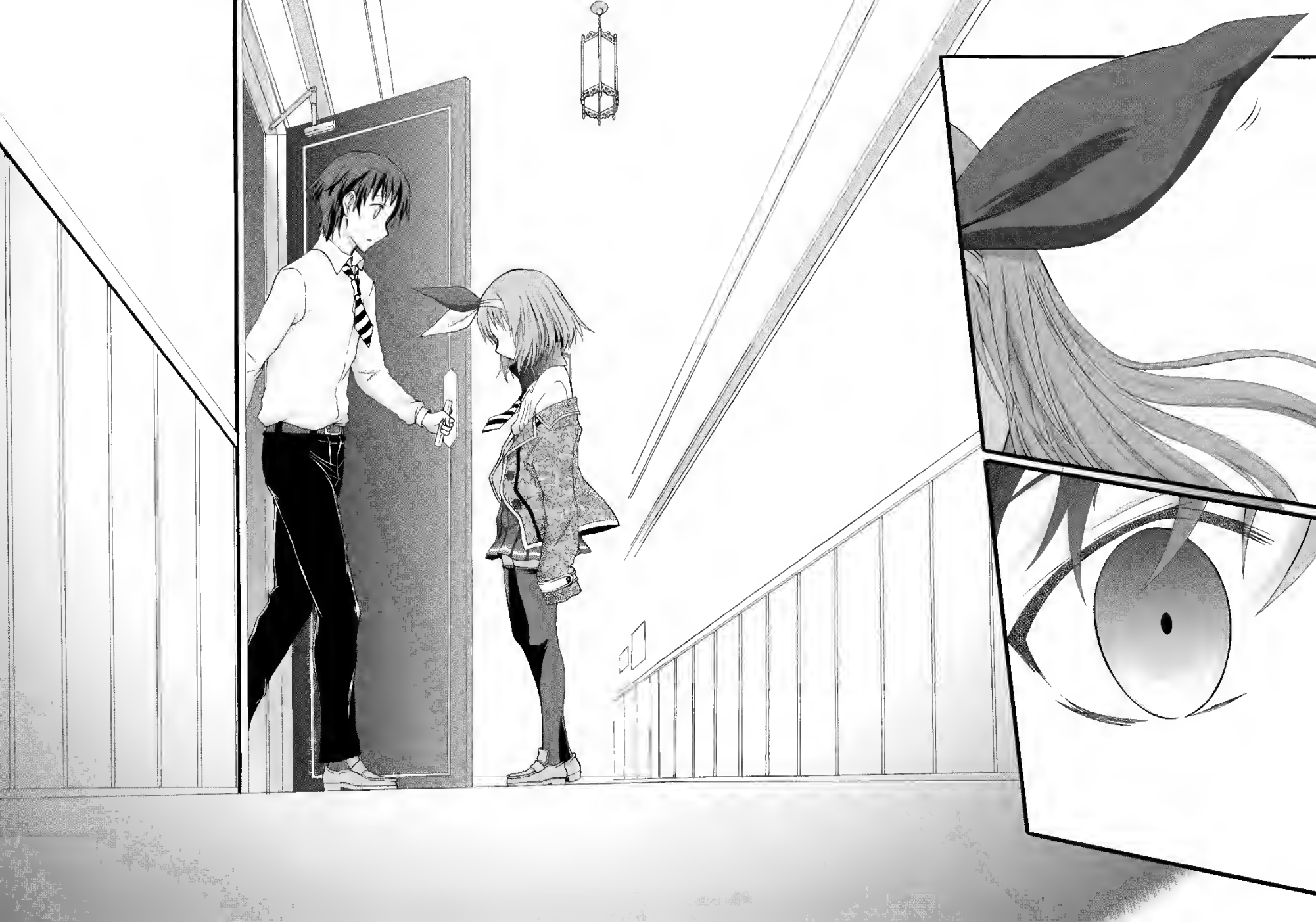
DID I FALL ASLEEP AGAIN?
IS IT NOON ALREADY...? WHO COULD IT BE? TODAY'S SATURDAY.



...EH?
ER... HUH?!
WHY ARE YOU STILL IN YOUR ROOM THIS LATE?
YOU WEREN'T AT THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE, SO I CAME CALLING.
KIRI... KA?!!

...W----
WELL, YOU SKIPPED NEARLY A WEEK OF SCHOOL...
ERM.. WELL... BUT IT'S SATURDAY..
WE GET REALLY BUSY RIGHT AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO OF COURSE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL WORK ON THEIR DAY OFF.
...WELCOME HOME.
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..YES. I ACTED OUT OF MY OWN SELFISHNESS... BUT SO DID YOU
...W...
YOU DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A WORD, AND MISONO-SENPAI AND THE PRESIDENT WERE TERRIBLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YOU REALLY... REALLY...

I'M BACK.
. . . .

...I WENT HOME FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
I HADN'T SEEN MOMMY IN SO LONG.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE TO THIS CONVERSATION, ISN'T THERE?
IF SHE CAN'T REALLY SAY WHATEVER IT IS THAT SHE WANTS TO SAY, THEN...
KIRIKA'S MOTHER? I SEE...
SO SHE ISN'T DEAD.
HA HA...
REALLY?
I'M SO GLAD.
ABOUT WHAT?
"WHAT"...? THAT YOU CAME BACK, KIRIKA.
I MEAN, WELL... I HONESTLY THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T COMING BACK.
AFTER ALL, I DID DECEIVE YOU LIKE THAT...

...I'M NOT MAD ABOUT THAT.
...REALLY?
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I'M NOT MAD!!
—OKAY, THEN WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
AND NOW YOU'RE APOLOGIZING EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
WAH! SORR--
Y-YOU THINK TOO MUCH ON YOUR OWN, YOU RUN AROUND ON YOUR OWN, AND YOU TAKE ON TOO MUCH ON YOUR OWN!
I-I REALLY HATE IT!!

...BECAUSE HIKAGE IS HERE.
BECAUSE I LIKE BEING WITH HIKAGE.

...OH, THE RABBIT?
WELL, I GUESS SHE CAN'T JUST COME OUT AND EXPRESS HER FEELINGS OF CAMARADERIE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND MISONO-SENPAI.
IF YOU'RE THAT CONCERNED ABOUT HIM, MAYBE YOU SHOULD KEEP HIM?
OH YEAH, IF YOU CAN'T KEEP HIM IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, THEN--
GUEH?!

Armband: Executive Committee Secretary

NOW THIS WILL DIG INTO MY LEFT ARM. IT'S LIKE SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T BELONG...
HURRY UP!
AND YET IT'S ODDLY COMFORTABLE.
TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES---- IT'S PART OF THE JOB.
WHEN WAS IT...
BUT, WELL... THAT'S FINE.
THAT I TOO BECAME TRAPPED IN THIS?
HIKAGE!

I WANT TO TRY RUNNING
A BIT LONGER---

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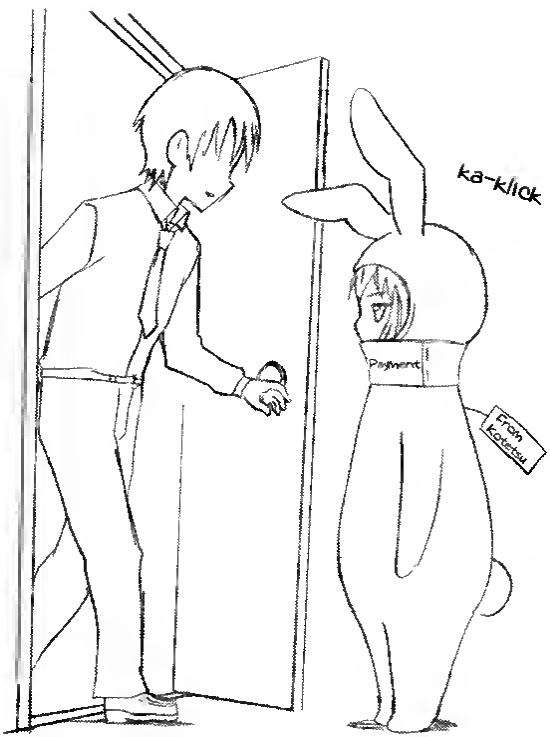
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HEY, MAKIMURA-KUN. DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
HAYAMA-SAN...? WHAT IS IT?
IT SEEMS A MATTER REQUIRING THE STUDENT COUNCIL "DETECTIVE" HAS COME UP.
ERM... YEAH, SURE.
ACTU-ALLY---
I'D LIKE TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN INCIDENT.
AN INCIDENT ...?!

FILE. 15 CAKE LOVER

Hakujudai Academy Grounds Cafeteria (Orion)
UMM... IT'S OKAY TO MEET IN THE CAFE, ISN'T IT?
ACCORDING TO HAYAMA-SAN, IT'S THE SECOND MOST POPULAR SHOP IN THE ACADEMY.
EVEN SO, THERE AREN'T MANY CUSTOMERS, ARE THERE?
THAT'S BECAUSE TODAY IS SATUR-DAY---
ON WEEKENDS, ONLY SOME OF THE DORM RESIDENTS COME TO THE CAMPUS RESTAURANTS TO EAT.
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BY THE WAY, THE ORION HERE SUDDENLY JUMPED IN POPULARITY LAST MONTH.
IT'S BECAUSE A PATISSIERE ALUMNI WHO TOOK FIRST PLACE IN A CONCOURS IS HERE FOR A LIMITED TIME.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT, KIRIKA.
EITHER WAY, THIS IS A RARE SITUATION, HUH? NO SOONER DID YOU GET THE REQUEST THAN YOU CAME RIGHT TO THE LOCATION.
.....
WAH! WHO'S THIS CHILD? AN ELEMENTARY STUDENT .. ?!
EVERYONE, LOOK! A BUNNY HAS COME TO VISIT THE CAFE!
...EH?
ON THIS GIRL'S NECKBAND... IT SAYS "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TREASURER".

HEY, IT SAYS "TREASURER"... SO THAT MEANS THAT SHE'S THE HIJIRIBASHI-SAN WE'VE ALL HEARD ABOUT, RIGHT?
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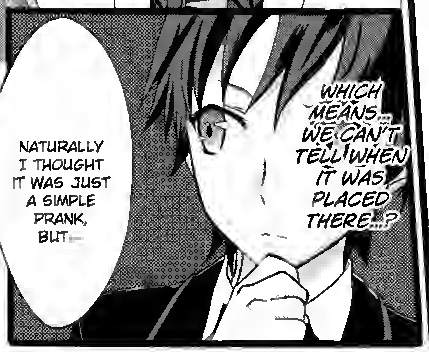
UHM, YEAH SHE MANAGES THE ENTIRE STUDENT COUNCIL BUDGET
I'D HEARD SHE WAS REALLY TINY, BUT... SHE'S SO MUCH CUTER IN PERSON THAN THE RUMORS SAID---
EE EEH ... ?!!
OH... MAKIMURA-KUN!
HUH? EVERYONE'S GATHERED TOGETHER. WHAT'S GOING ON?
HAYAMA-SAN.
I'M SO SORRY THAT THEY MADE SUCH A FUSS.
THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.
OH, NO. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
ERM. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET HIJIRIBASHI-SAN.
I AM YOUR CLASSMATE AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, HAYAMA. NICE TO MEET YOU.
...NN.

HAYAMA-SAN, YOU'RE EMPLOYED HERE?
I WAS ASKED BY A FRIEND... I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE OFF AND ON FOR A WHILE NOW.
THIS PERSON'S PRETTY BUSY TOO.
...WELL, ANYWAY, ABOUT THE REQUEST FOR A CASE----
AH, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
BOSS ...
I AM THE MANAGER, KAMIYAMA.
WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE DEALING WITH A SUSPICIOUS EVENT THAT OCCURRED ONE WEEK AGO.
I TOLD HAYAMA-SAN, WHO'S WORKING HERE, TO MAKE A REQUEST OF YOU---
MAY WE ASK YOU TO EXPLAIN IN DETAIL?
YES--- FIRST, HAVE A LOOK AT THIS.



— The time is now ——

On the forthcoming
day of mortal agony,
if you still have not left
that which is Orion,
I, from the abyss,
shall devour all.

Be afraid,
for I am
The Apostle
of Fear.

6' Turn

WHAT IS THIS...?!

EVER SINCE THE ALUMNI PATISSIERE CAME TO WORK HERE, "ORION" HAS SHOT UP IN THE POPULARITY OF ON-CAMPUS DINING DESTINATIONS.
MOREOVER, SINCE THEN THERE HAVE BEEN SLANDEROUS COMMENTS POSTED ON THE CAMPUS INTRANET ABOUT THE RESTAURANT AND THE MAN HIMSELF,
AND WE CAN'T DENY THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR POPULARITY MAY BE INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER SHOP'S BUSINESS.
WE'D LIKE TO KEEP THE POLICE OUT OF THIS.
IF YOU MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL WERE TO LOOK INTO IT...
WOULD A COMPETITION FOR POPULARITY ON CAMPUS GET THAT TOUGH...?
IT'S BEEN ONE WEEK SINCE WE FOUND THAT LETTER
AS IT STANDS NOW, WE ARE CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT WE CAN'T GET RID OF THIS FEELING OF UNEASE
WE ARE PREPARED TO REMUNERATE YOU FOR---
CAKE.

1500 YEN WORTH OF CAKE PAID IN ADVANCE,
OR 1800 YEN WORTH PAID AFTERWARD.

DET...
ECTIVE?!
...THE ARM-BAND!
EH..? OH, I GET IT.
IF IT'S CAKE YOU WANT, PLEASE PICK WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
HEY NOW, CAKE AS PAYMENT...? WASN'T IT MONEY THAT SHE LOVED?
WHAT I TOOK POSSESSION OF IS UNDER-NEATH HERE.
BASED ON THE WRITING STYLE ALONE, THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE WHO WROTE THIS.
...?

RIGHT. SO ABOUT HOW MANY CUSTOMERS DID YOU HAVE LAST SUNDAY?
AROUND THE SAME AS TODAY.
PROBABLY AROUND 20 PEOPLE AT LUNCHTIME...
DURING HAPPY HOUR THERE WERE AROUND 10 PEOPLE... I THINK THEY WERE MOSTLY REGULARS.
OH, HAPPY HOUR. IT'S THE SERVICE ON THE WEEKENDS FROM 2 IN THE AFTERNOON UNTIL WE CLOSE.
YOU GET YOUR CHOICE OF CAKES AND DRINK REFILLS.
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OH, I SEE IT'S BECAUSE IT'S HAPPY HOUR NOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY CUSTOMERS HERE STUDYING AND READING
IT'S NOT THAT EASY FOR AN OUTSIDER TO ENTER CAMPUS, SO... COULD THE SUSPECT BE A RESIDENT...? FOR THAT MATTER, WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES THAT DAY? OR A CAMPUS STAFF MEMBER?
...NO, IT COULD EVEN BE A STAFF MEMBER OF "ORION"...
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DAMN... AT THIS RATE I'LL END UP THINKING OF EVERYONE AS A SUSPECT.
COULD IT BE THAT THE ONE WHO LEFT THIS THREATENING LETTER IS AMONG THE PATRONS AND STAFF AT THIS RESTAURANT AT THIS VERY MOMENT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KIRIKA?
HOW DO WE NARROW DOWN THE SUSPECTS...?!
THERE IS WRITING BEYOND JUST THE TEXT OF THE THREATENING PAPER, BUT IT'S ALL SCRIBBLES AND DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'LL BE A CLUE.
6 Turn

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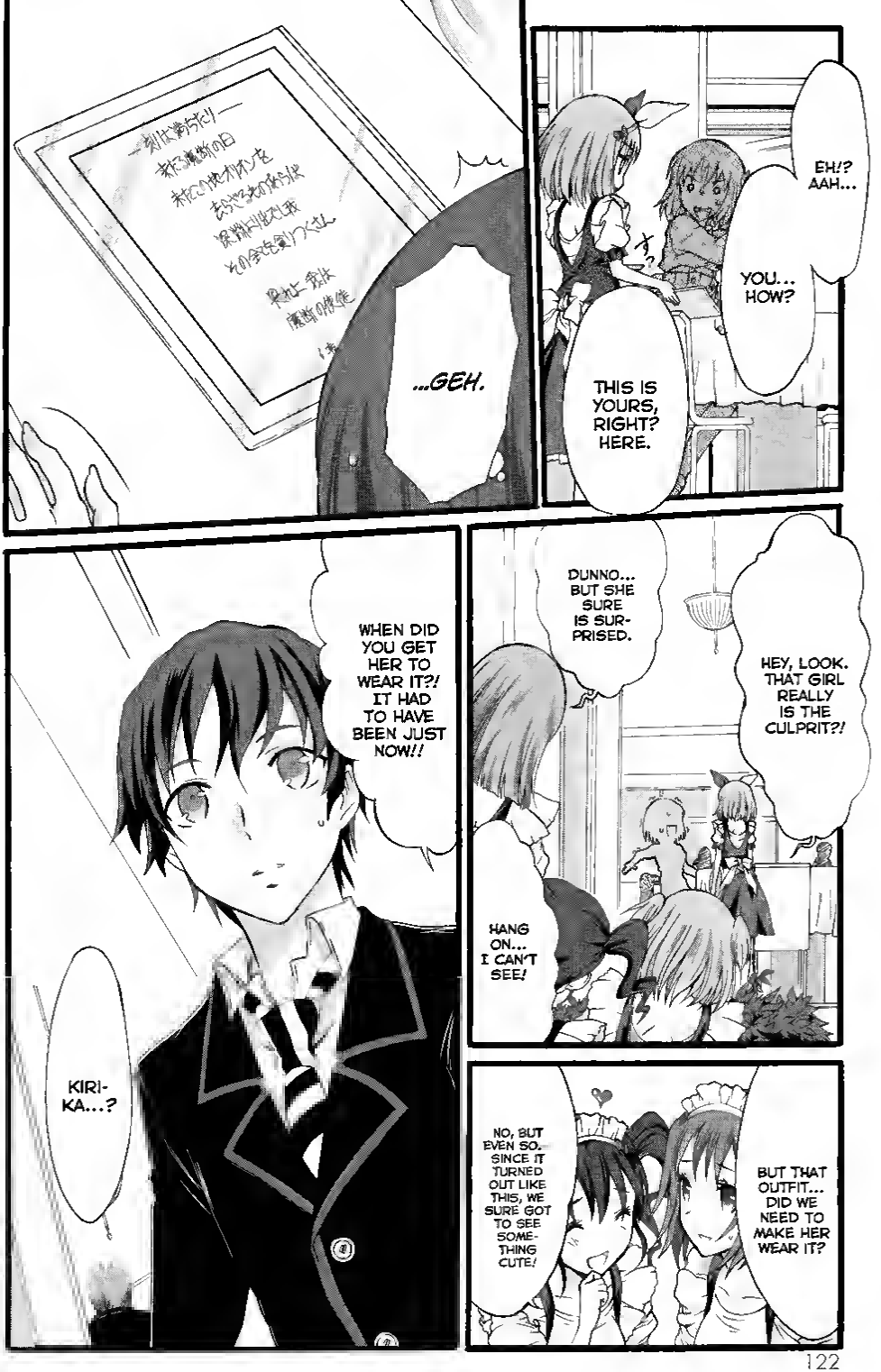
...MM.
THE TASTE IS FAR MORE REFINED THAN EXPECTED.
THIS PUMPKIN JELLY IS MADE WITHOUT SUGAR, AND IT CARRIES A HIDDEN FLAVOR OF ORANGE.
ALSO, AS FOR THE CHOCOLATE CAKE, THE MERINGUE BAKED IN GIVES IT A LIGHTLY-REFINED TASTE.
THE FIRM COOKIES IN THE SPECIAL CREAM MADE WITH ORGANIC VANILLA GIVE THE MONT BLANC A NICE ACCENT.
MMM... YES, THIS IS SOMETHING ONLY A CONCOURS WINNER COULD CREATE.

SHE NEVER GOES OUT ON HER OWN.
I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE PLACE.
WAIT.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO MAKE SURE OF.
AH, NOW I GET IT. THE REASON SHE WAS SO KEEN ON COMING HERE
WAS TO TRY OUT THE CAKES.

DID THE SWEETS PUT OUT FOR HAPPY HOUR USE "NATTOU"?
EH? NATTOU...?
ER... YES, THEY DID...
BUT WAS THERE ONLY ONE KIND OF "NATTOU PUMPKIN CREAM CAKE"?
LAST MONTH THERE WERE JUST FIVE ITEMS ON THE HAPPY HOUR SUPPLEMENTARY MENU.
IS THERE A GUEST WHO ORDERED A LOT FROM THAT MENU?
OH, YES. SOMEONE ORDERED FROM THAT MENU JUST A WHILE AGO.
HONESTLY, THEY'RE NOT POPULAR AT ALL, BUT THAT REGULAR ALWAYS ORDERS A FEW OF THEM.
KIRIKA ...?
WHICH TABLE?
THAT ONE OVER THERE.

AAAH, GEEZ.
I'M BEAT.
IT'S JUST SO HOT.
AT THIS RATE MY WORK WON'T PROGRESS AT ALL.
...SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
-- THE TIME IS NOW --
ON THE FORTHCOMING DAY OF MORTAL AGONY, IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT LEFT THAT WHICH IS ORION,
I, FROM THE ABYSS, SHALL DEVOUR ALL.

BE AFRAID, FOR I AM
THE APOSTLE OF FEAR.


...GEH.
EH!? AAH...
YOU... HOW?
THIS IS YOURS, RIGHT? HERE.
DUNNO... BUT SHE SURE IS SURPRISED.
HEY, LOOK. THAT GIRL REALLY IS THE CULPRIT?!
HANG ON... I CAN'T SEE!
WHEN DID YOU GET HER TO WEAR IT?! IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN JUST NOW!!
KIRI-KA...?
BUT THAT OUTFIT... DID WE NEED TO MAKE HER WEAR IT?
NO, BUT EVEN SO. SINCE IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS, WE SURE GOT TO SEE SOMETHING CUTE!

WH-WHAAA...? HOLD ON, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS STATIONERY, BEARING THIS WATERMARK EMBLEM, CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED ON-CAMPUS.
THIS WAS LEFT ON THE COUNTER OF THIS STORE LAST SUNDAY AT CLOSING TIME.
WHY WOULD A LETTER WITH SUCH INSANE RAMBLINGS BE MINE?
AND ON THIS STATIO-NERY...
THERE IS A NATTOU CREAM STAIN.
HUH...?

THIS EVIDENCE WAS PLACED IN A VINYL BAG RIGHT AFTER IT WAS PICKED UP, SO THE STAIN COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ON IT AFTERWARD.
AND LAST SUNDAY--- JUST LIKE TODAY, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE TO ORDER NATTOU CREAM CAKE.
PUT SIMPLY, THE OWNER OF THE STATIONERY ORDERED THAT CAKE DURING HAPPY HOUR.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS YOU.

TAKE THE WRITING ON ALL OF THE PAPER YOU HAVE WITH YOU
AND READ IT ALOUD!
OH, RIGHT! SHE SNIFFED THE SCENT OF THE STATIONERY
...UHM!!
NO, I MEAN, THAT'S... AREN'T YOU MAKING A MISTAKE?!
...IN THAT CASE,
UH -----
D... DAMN.
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What's going on?
Eh? What?

EEEH?!
IS... IS THAT TRUE?!
Waiting Room
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING, SO JUST WAIT A MINUTE ...!!
WAAAH! OKAY, OKAY!
THAT IS ALMOST CERTAINLY YOUR WRITING...
I'LL TELL YOU!
THEY'RE IDEA NOTES FOR THE NOVEL I'M WRITING.
...YES.

KIRIKA, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON?
I HAVE A BASIC IDEA.
THE WRITING AT THE BOTTOM IS PROBABLY THE CHAPTER NUMBER, AND THE "TURN" IS FROM "INTRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, TURN, AND CONCLUSION".
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6 Turn
ALSO, IT WAS TOO DRAMATIC TO BE A REAL THREATENING LETTER.
WELL EXCUSE ME FOR BEING DRAMATIC.
YOU CHOSE THE NAME "ORION" BECAUSE OF YOUR ATTACHMENT TO THIS RESTAURANT, RIGHT?
SORRY FOR CAUSING THIS MISUNDERSTANDING. I APOLOGIZE.
I DON'T WANT MY FRIENDS TO FIND OUT THAT I COME HERE EVERY WEEK TO WRITE LIKE THIS.
PLEASE DON'T LET THIS GET OUT TO OTHER PEOPLE.
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.
I'M SORRY TOO. I'M SORRY FOR ALL OF THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED, KICKING UP SUCH A FUSS ABOUT IT.
I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PATRONIZE OUR STORE.

WELL, AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED TODAY, I'VE LOST MY ENTHUSIASM. BUT I'LL COME AGAIN.
PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE MENU. I LIKE IT AS IT IS.
BY THE WAY, JUST WHO IS THAT?
OH, RIGHT. SHE TOOK OFF HER ARMBAND, SO YOU DIDN'T REALIZE. THAT GIRL IS---
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TREASURER AND DETECTIVE,
KIRIKA HIJIRIBASHI.

I'M GLAD IT WASN'T A REAL CASE.
THE MANAGER IS REALLY HAPPY.
THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID TODAY. BOTH OF YOU.
I ACCEPTED PAYMENT AHEAD OF TIME, SO I WON'T ACCEPT ANY MORE THAN THAT
HE SAID YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THE EXTRA CAKES THAT WERE MADE. ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
I-I SEE...
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE ACTUALLY MET, I'VE GIVEN YOU ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE.
THANK YOU, HIJIRIBASHI-SAN.

...MM, IT'S FINE.
I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO PUT ON THAT OUTFIT, BUT... ASIDE FROM THAT, I WASN'T REALLY TROUBLED.
I'M SO SORRY.
SAY, KIRIKA...
...WHAT?
WELL THEN, I'LL GET BACK TO MY SHIFT.
SEE YOU LATER, MAKIMURA-KUN.
OH... YEAH.
IT'S GOOD THAT THE CASE IS CLOSED,
BUT I WASN'T REALLY OF ANY HELP AT ALL.
SORRY.

THANKS TO YOU, I GOT TO EAT CAKE.
THAT'S FINE... HIKAGE'S JOB WAS TO ESCORT ME HERE---
SURE ENOUGH, YOU'RE ACTING TRUE TO YOUR SWEETS-LOVING SELF.
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A!
BEING ABLE TO SNIFF THE SCENT OFF STATIONERY LIKE THAT... YOUR NOSE WOULD PUT A RABBIT'S TO SHAME.
HM... SOLVING A CASE BY SCENT...?

SOLVE A CASE BY SCENT, 1500 YEN IN ADVANCE.
OTHERWISE, 1800 YEN PAID AFTERWARD.
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File.15 END

I'M SURE YOU WERE!
EEEH? NO, NOT REALLY...
HIKAGE, YOU WERE THINKING SOMETHING WEIRD JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU!?

Thank you... for your order...
Shall I add to it... the next volume?

DETECTIVE
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